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SUBJECT: SJCOG 2002/03 – 2004/05 FTIP  
Amendment No. 15

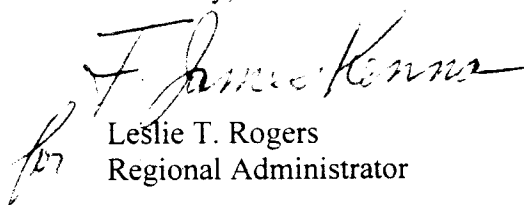
Dear Mr. Nicholas:

We have completed our review of the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment No. 15 submitted with your letter dated July 31, 2003. This amendment programs a transit project in FY 2003/04 for the City of Manteca utilizing Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds for transit operations and management. The Federal Highway Administration is processing amendment Number 14, included in your above mentioned letter, separately. The projects involved in this change have no overall fiscal impact as they were already funded in the 2000 FTIP.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this FSTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed (40 CFR §93.126 and/or 40 CFR §93.127).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of Amendment No. 15 into California's 2003/05 FSTIP with the understanding that FTA funding approval of projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,

  
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Regional Administrator

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